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The Next Generation of Cyber Professionals

Looming workforce crisis to be discussed during 3rd Annual Cybersecurity Summit

One of the fastest growing job markets worldwide is the cybersecurity field. As reliance on technology continues to grow combined with ongoing cyber threats, business and government agencies face severe workforce shortage that is expected to continue to get worse.

"One of the greatest risks to our cybersecurity is the shortage of professionals to protect the vast networks we are creating," said Major General Don Dunbar, Adjutant General and Wisconsin's Homeland Security Advisor. "These are the individuals that are protecting the data and systems that are used to ensure we have utilities such as water and electricity to protecting our records and financial information."

The challenges facing the cybersecurity field will be one of the topics discussed at the 3rd Annual Wisconsin Cybersecurity Summit that will be held October 28, 2015 in Milwaukee. The summit is designed for leaders in government, business and academia to meet together and share best practices.

"We have invested heavily in creating processes and technologies over the years but one area that needs more attention is our people. Our ability to respond to a cyber threat or attack is directly attributed to our credentialed cyber professional," said David Cagigal, State of Wisconsin's Chief Information Officer at Division of Enterprise Technology. "We are growing these skills but not fast enough therefore we need to leverage state, local, territory and tribal cyber professionals with our National Guard and private sector resources."

The Wisconsin Cybersecurity Summit will be held Wednesday, October 28 in the Monaghan Ballroom at the Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union, 1442 West Wisconsin Avenue, in Milwaukee. For more information about the summit and registration, go to: <https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/index.aspx>